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SUBJECT: BAVARIAN SPD PREPARES FORPOST-VOGEL ERA

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1. SUMMARY: THE GENERAL CONTOURS OF THE BAVARIAN SPD IN THE POST-HANS JOCHEN VOGEL ERA EMERGED FROM SPD LANDESPRAESIDIUM MEETING IN KOCHER JANUARY 8 AND 9. VOGEL'S FORMER LIEUTENANT HELMUT ROTHMUND, WHO WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF SPD "LANDTAGSFRAKTION" LAST FALL, IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO SUCCEED VOGEL AS LAND CHAIRMAN. VOGEL'S FUTURE ROLE IN SPD REMAINS UNCLEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. ROTHMUND, THE NEW LAND CHAIRMAN: THE LANDESPRAESIDIUM UNANIMOUSLY PROPOSED ROTHMUND AS PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR LAND CHAIRMAN. HE IS CERTAIN TO BE NOMINATED FORMALLY BY SPD LAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE JANUARY 17 AND ELECTED AT LAND  
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CONVENTION IN MARCH. ELECTION OF ROTHMUND WILL MARK RETURN TO PRE-VOGEL BAVARIAN PRACTICE WHEREBY SPD "LANDTAGSFRAKTION" CHAIRMAN ALSO SERVES AS PARTY'S LAND CHAIRMAN.

3. VOGEL'S REASONS FOR RESIGNING: AT PRESS CONFERENCE JANUARY 10, VOGEL GAVE TWO REASONS FOR STEPPING DOWN AS LAND CHAIRMAN. FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE BELIEVES

LAND CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR MINISTER-PRESIDENT OF BAVARIA. SECOND REASON CITED WAS CONTINUING LEFTWARD DRIFT IN MUNICH SPD.

4. VOGEL'S FUTURE: VOGEL MADE IT CLEAR HE INTENDS TO REMAIN FEDERAL MINISTER OF JUSTICE. HE SIDESTEPED QUESTION OF WHETHER HE WOULD SEEK REELECTION AS MEMBER OF LAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND DECLINED TO ANSWER QUERY ABOUT HIS CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN SPD NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOLLOWING 1977 NATIONAL CONVENTION.

5. ROTHMUND'S FUTURE PLANS: IN CONTRAST TO VOGEL, ROTHMUND SAYS HE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT MUNICH SPD CAN BE REINTEGRATED INTO SPD MAINSTREAM AT EARLY DATE. HE HAS NO PLANS TO CHANGE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF SPD IN BAVARIA BUT HOPES TO IMPROVE COORDINATION AMONG VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF PRESENT STRUCTURE. ROTHMUND PLANS TO COMBINE POSITIONS OF LAND CHAIRMAN AND "LANDTAGESFRAKTION" CHAIRMAN FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

6. GLOTZ STEPS DOWN: STATE SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH PETER GLOTZ USED PRESS CONFERENCE AS FORUM FOR ANNOUNCEMENT HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT SEEK REELECTION AS DEPUTY LAND CHAIRMAN BECAUSE OF HIS PRESSING DUTIES IN BONN AND HIS DESIRE TO SPEND MORE TIME IN UPPER BAVARIA WHERE HIS PARTY BASE IS. BETTS

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